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Arab Rebirth at acclaimed summit

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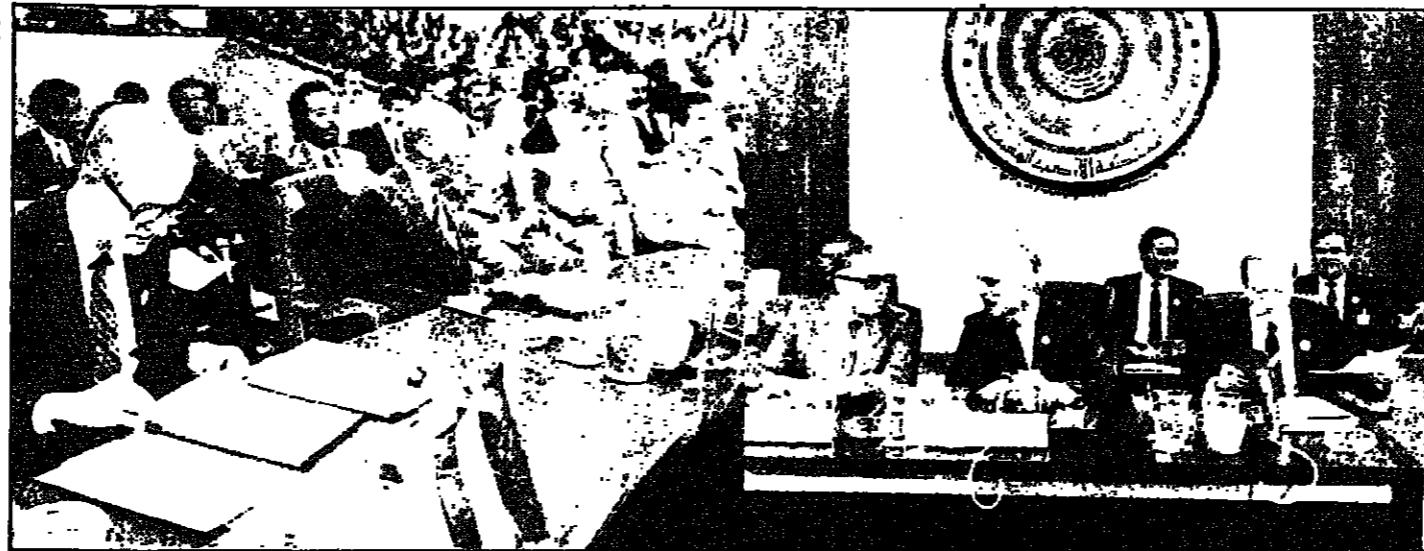
By Salameh B. Ne'matt
Jordan Times Staff Reporter

S MAJESTY King Hussein Wednesday declared the extraordinary Arab summit in Amman a tremendous success for Arab conciliation and unity, and said the achievement during the four-day conference heralded a promising era in joint Arab action.

His Majesty described as "and all expectations" the reconciliation between Syria and Iraq which came as a result of efforts by Arab leaders during the summit. "It was a reconciliation in the full sense of the word," the King told a press conference at the conclusion of the summit. He said reconciliation of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein and Syrian President Hafez Al Assad "exceeded all aspirations."

The King said the meeting between President Assad and President Hussein came to reflect the actions of all Arabs. "It gave us the opportunity to talk at length about common concerns and sufferings," the King said, adding that Crown Prince Abdullah Abdul Aziz contributed to

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The closing session of the extraordinary summit on Wednesday (Photo by Yousef Al 'Allan)

- **Arab solidarity is the prime concern of leaders and is the sole means of achieving pride, dignity and strength. Leaders agree to maintain our differences and to eliminate causes of dignity and inaction**
- **Leaders adopt solidarity as basis for joint Arab action. Statement supports Arab-Arab cooperation and condemns terrorism and all African racial discrimination**
- **Conference condemns occupation of Iraqi territory and expresses anxiety over continuation of war**
- **Leaders call on Iran to accept USAH in totto. Express solidarity with and support for Iraq and hail its response to peace initiatives. Express solidarity with and support for Kuwait and denounce Iranian criminal conduct in Iraq. Supports international conference as the only suitable means for a comprehensive settlement. Pay tribute to steadfastness of Palestinians. Express importance of Lebanon's freedom and sovereignty. Decide issue of relations with Egypt is a sovereign matter**

By a Jordan Times
Staff Writer

THE EXTRAORDINARY Arab summit ended on Wednesday with the Arab leaders agreeing to settle their differences and seek unified action towards achieving a joint strategy to develop Arab capabilities and power.

The secretary-general of the 21-member Arab League, Mr. Chadi Klibi, read out the summit's final statement which reflected a rare signal of Arab solidarity and unity against common dangers and challenges.

The final statement contained the outcome of the four-day deliberations of the Arab leaders here and touched on all vital issues facing the Arab Nation today.

On the Iran-Iraq war, the communiqué said that the seven-year-old conflict in the Gulf is the central theme that prompted the convening of the summit — dominated the agenda for discussions of the Arab leaders.

Lebanese political analysts say the Christian Maronite president might seek U.N. help to secure a withdrawal of Syria's 25,000 from Lebanon.

But any move by Mr. Gemayel to demand a Syrian withdrawal before the end of his six-year term as president next year could lead to a new round of violence.

Security Council on July 20.

The conference urged the international community to "shoulder its responsibilities and exert effective efforts and adopt measures adequate to make the Iranian regime respond to the calls of peace."

However, the communiqué did not contain any calls for sanctions against Iran, either on the Arab level or the international scene.

The summit declared the Arab League's solidarity with Iraq and its appreciation of Baghdad's positive responses to peace initiatives including its acceptance of Resolution 598.

Iraq has said it is willing to accept and abide by the resolution provided Iran did likewise. Tehran is insisting that a commission of inquiry be set up simultaneously with a ceasefire to probe into the origins of the war and identify the "aggressor."

Resolution 598 does contain a provision to set up such an inquiry panel but only after the two belligerents announce a ceasefire, withdraw their forces to the international border and exchange prisoners of war. The inquiry, according to Resolution 598, will be launched simultaneously with peaceful negotiations between Iran and Iraq.

The Amman summit also "confirmed its solidarity with and support for Iraq in safeguarding its territories and waters and in de-

fending its legitimate rights."

Referring to spillovers of the Iran-Iraq war into other states in the region, the summit communiqué said "the leaders reviewed developments in the Gulf region and the dangerous results of the Iranian provocations and aggressions."

The conference expressed solidarity with Kuwait, a target of at least seven Iranian missiles in the past four months. "In confronting the Iranian regime's aggression."

On the July 31 violence in the Holy City of Mecca between Iranian rioters and Saudi security men during the pilgrimage season, the conference "denounced the bloody criminal acts perpetrated by the Iranians in the vicinity of the Holy Mosque in Mecca."

It also supports Saudi Arabia and "the measures (Saudi Arabia) adopts to ensure the suitable climate for pilgrims to the holy places to perform their rites in peace and humility and prevent any infringement on freedom in the holy places and to Muslim feelings."

Describing the Palestine issue as "the core and essence of the Arab-Israeli conflict," the conference reaffirmed the Arab League's support for an international conference on the Middle East under U.N. auspices to bring about a settlement based on "the recovery of all the occupied

Arab and Palestinian territories and the restoration of the national rights of the Arab Palestinian people."

The proposed international conference, said the summit communiqué, should be attended by the permanent members of the Security Council and all parties concerned, including the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) "on equal footing."

The summit paid tribute to the "steadfastness of the Palestinian people in the occupied territories" and reiterated the Arab League's commitment to support and assist the people living under Israeli occupation.

On Lebanon, the statement said the summit discussed the Lebanese civil strife and "its tragic repercussions on the brotherly Arab Lebanese people."

The Arab leaders stressed "the importance they attached to Lebanon's national unity, its Arab character and territorial unity, as well as their assistance to help it overcome the crisis and restore its strength and sovereignty."

The conference condemned "international terrorism... all its forms, methods and sources." The leaders emphasised "their belief that their countries would restore full ties after the summit ended."

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(The full text of the final statement of the summit read out by Mr. Klibi is on page 4)

It needs care and sponsorship to grow and acquire strength

By Jordan Times Staff

HIS MAJESTY King Hussein, in a closing speech to the extraordinary Arab summit, declared that the achievements of the conference represent "a new birth" for Arab unity and collective Arab action.

"What we have achieved, with God's blessing, is a new birth for our march," the King said.

"Like all new borns, it needs commitment, care and continuous effort so it can gain strength and complete its growth." His Majesty told the 15 Arab heads of states and representatives of five Arab countries and the chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO).

The King said the Arab Nation had emerged with "one voice, one stand, one goal and every inch of its land dear to the entire nation" (See page 4 for full text of the King's address).

The final resolution of the summit said Arab leaders had agreed unanimously to overcome their differences.

They expressed their "determination to protect Arab national security, sovereignty and land" and stressed their "commitment

to the Arab League Charter, the Arab Solidarity Charter, and the Joint Arab Defence Pact."

The central theme of the summit had been Arab national security and the final resolutions reflected an unprecedented realisation among the Arab ranks of the growing threats to the Arab Order both from the east in the form of Iranian aggression and from the west by Israel.

Oman's Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Yousef Ibn Alawi said the main aim now was to end the Iran-Iraq war.

The Kuwaiti News Agency Wednesday quoted Arab sources as saying the conference had achieved results "beyond all expectations."

Kuwait's Al Rai Al Aam daily said in an editorial that the Amman summit had been "a turning point" in Arab efforts to take concerted action.

Saudi and Kuwaiti leaders hail outcome of summit

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein on Wednesday evening received two telephone calls from King Fahd of Saudi Arabia and Kuwaiti Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdulla Al Sabah.

The two Arab leaders expressed their happiness and satisfaction over efforts exerted by King Hussein to unite the Arab World.

The Saudi King and the Kuwaiti crown prince praised the historical outcome of the extraordinary Arab summit which, they said, succeeded in achieving effective Arab solidarity, uniting Arab ranks, preserving the Arab will and maintaining the Arab Order.

They said the Amman summit and the successful achievements it had made would have important effects in supporting the progress of joint Arab action in confronting the various threats and challenges facing the Arab Nation.

The two Arab leaders wished His Majesty health, further prosperity, and success in whatever he does in the service of the Arab Nation.

UAE restores formal relations with Egypt

ABU DHABI (Agencies) — The United Arab Emirates (UAE) restored full diplomatic relations with Egypt Wednesday, the Foreign Ministry announced.

The announcement came hard on the heels of the extraordinary Arab summit in Amman, where it was left to the Arab League member states to decide individually on whether ties with Egypt would be resumed.

They said that Bahrain was expected to emulate the example of the UAE within hours or days, but disclaimed any knowledge about any similar moves contemplated by Saudi Arabia, Qatar and Kuwait.

Oman has from the start resisted pressure to break ties with Egypt.

Sources quoted by AP said that the North Yemeni government of President Ali Abdallah Saleh also was expected to restore relations with Egypt in the near future.

The summit ended in Amman earlier in the day.

A similar announcement like the UAE was expected from Iraq. Iraqi First Deputy Prime Minister Taha Yassin Ramadan told the Jordan Times on Tuesday that Iraq was "determined to resume diplomatic relations with Egypt immediately after the (Amman) summit" regardless of the final decision of the conference.

Arab diplomatic sources in Cairo, quoted by AP, said they expected Morocco also to return an ambassador to Cairo after the Amman summit.

Morocco's King Hassan has sent several high-ranking emissaries to Cairo. Egyptian newspapers last week quoted him as saying in an interview that he favours restoration of ties and that the Arab boycott decision had been unsound.

'Impossible' Iranian offer cited to help free Waite

LONDON (AP) — An Iranian official has pledged Iran's help in trying to free Anglican church envoy Terry Waite and other Western captives but under conditions that are impossible to meet, the British Broadcasting Corp. (BBC) reported Tuesday.

The official said the United States and Britain should change their policies and do something to win the release of Iranians missing in Lebanon, BBC Television reported. It said, however, that three missing Iranians had been killed, and a fourth was impossible to trace among the maze of guerrilla groups in Beirut.

Twenty-four Westerners are missing or held hostage in Lebanon, including eight Americans.

Gulf war could continue indefinitely, IISS says

LONDON (R) — Iran and Iraq have enough arms to continue their seven-year-old war almost indefinitely unless effective international sanctions are imposed, a leading international military institute said on Wednesday.

The London-based International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS) said in a commentary on its annual military balance review that overall military stocks showed little sign of dwindling.

"Failing an effective arms embargo, (overall, force and equipment levels) would appear sufficient to permit conflict at present levels to continue almost indefinitely," the IISS said.

The strength of national resolve on both sides to sustain continued hostilities is, however, not amenable to calculation," it added.

The 346-page report, published on Wednesday, acknowledged information on arms purchases by Iran and Iraq was imprecise. But Baghdad appeared to be meeting its needs with arms from the Soviet Union and Egypt while Tehran was buying on the world market.

Mr. Waite, the personal envoy of Archbishop of Canterbury Robert Runcie, vanished on Jan. 20 while trying to negotiate with the captors of Terry Anderson, the Associated Press chief Middle East correspondent, and Thomas Sutherland, an educator at the American University of Beirut. They are believed held by Muslim guerrillas with ties to the Islamic revolutionary government in Iran.

Italian Navy destroys mine in Gulf

ROME (AP) — A mine in the path of a freighter in the Gulf was destroyed Wednesday by a helicopter from the Italian frigate Sirocco, navy headquarters announced.

The mine was detected along the route of the Italian merchant

The BBC Television report showed Khamal Kharrazi, whom it identified as a senior Iranian figure, saying the United States and Britain should help free Iranians captured by Lebanese Falangists.

"Certainly in return we will do all ... to influence... the Muslim brothers in Lebanon to release the hostages," Mr. Kharrazi said in hesitant English.

Tehran authorities have said several times previously that they might be able to use their influence to help free captives in Lebanon, but no noticeable progress has been made. Two months ago the BBC quoted unidentified senior officials in Tehran as



Terry Waite

saying Mr. Waite was certainly alive.

No group has claimed authoritatively to have taken Mr. Waite captive nor published photos of him, as has happened with some other Western captives to give periodic assurances that they are alive.

Italy sent warships to the Gulf in September to protect Italian shipping after an Italian container ship was attacked by what Italy said was an Iranian speedboat.

The captain of the frigate ordered the helicopter to destroy the mine by machine gun fire and

the convoy resumed navigation without incident, the statement added.

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He added: "They are getting humane treatment."

Tuesday's meeting was the first contact between the two organisations since the Palestinian group offered on Sunday to show the prisoners to ICRC representatives.

Mr. Gross said the captors reiterated their offer to allow the ICRC to meet the prisoners but said only ICRC headquarters in Geneva could decide such matters.

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Israel maintained flourishing relations with the regime of the late Iranian shah until Khomeini took power in February 1979.

Although it officially referred to Khomeini's fundamentalist Muslim regime as its bitter foe, Israel was active in the transfer of U.S. arms to Iran in 1985 and 1986.

Israel's involvement in the arms sales began in 1985 when the country shipped 508 U.S.-made Tow anti-tank missiles and 18 Hawk anti-aircraft missiles to Tehran.

The United States took over the shipments in February 1986 but used Israel as a transfer point.

Israeli leaders have admitted selling weapons to Iran, but have insisted they acted only at the request of the United States.

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Peres: No chance for alliance with Khomeini

TEL AVIV (AP) — Foreign Minister Shimon Peres has said that no Israeli-Iranian alliance was possible as long as Iran's leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini remained in power.

Peres also criticised Arab leaders for trying to link Israel with Iran.

Peres supported his contentions by quoting from the Bible's book of Esther, in which a Persian official named Haman plots against the Jew, Mordechai.

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He told Reuters on Tuesday night the ICRC representative met the group on a "routine basis," not on an official mission from Geneva.

"The delegate is not authorised to make decisions. That is up to the head of the delegation. But contact was made.

"The ICRC is ready to visit these detained people as long as

these visits are discrete... that is in the interest of the detained."

The ICRC spokeswoman in Geneva said the humanitarian group had no information about the hostages' identities. Israel has said it has no record of the captives.

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Red Cross official meets Abu Nidal group holding European prisoners

Catholics, not Jews, and the Frenchwoman's ex-husband denied the group's allegation that the two children spoke Hebrew.

The ICRC said on Wednesday it was willing to visit eight captives.

A spokeswoman at the humanitarian group's headquarters in Geneva confirmed that an ICRC delegate in west Beirut had made contact on Tuesday with a member of the group.

Dominique Gross, ICRC delegation chief in Lebanon, said delegate Nicholas Roggo discussed the prisoners with the group, the Fatah Revolutionary Council organisation headed by Abu Nidal.

An ICRC delegate who works in west Beirut met Tuesday with someone from the Abu Nidal group, the ICRC spokeswoman said.

Her husband, Pascal Belliz, was granted custody of Marie Laure, 6, and Virginie, 5, the spokeswoman said.

Ms. Valente was sentenced to a year in prison and fined 5,000 francs for failing to turn over the children. An arrest warrant for her was issued by a court in Toulon during the summer of 1985, the spokeswoman said.

"That's what caused her to leave, although we don't know exactly how she left or when," the spokeswoman said.

"We're investigating," said the spokeswoman, speaking on condition of anonymity in keeping with government policy.

No special envoy yet had been dispatched to handle the affair, she said. Embassies in Beirut and Tel Aviv contacted high-ranking Arab officials to seek assistance in securing the release of the captives.

Authorities believe Ms. Valente was the girlfriend of Fernand Houtekins, who had been working in southern France as a cook.

The French daily Liberation reported Wednesday that Fernand Houtekins purchased the yacht Silko with a hot check. The 17-tonne Silko left the Toulon port of Saint-Mandrier on July 18, 1985 for an unknown destination, the newspaper said.

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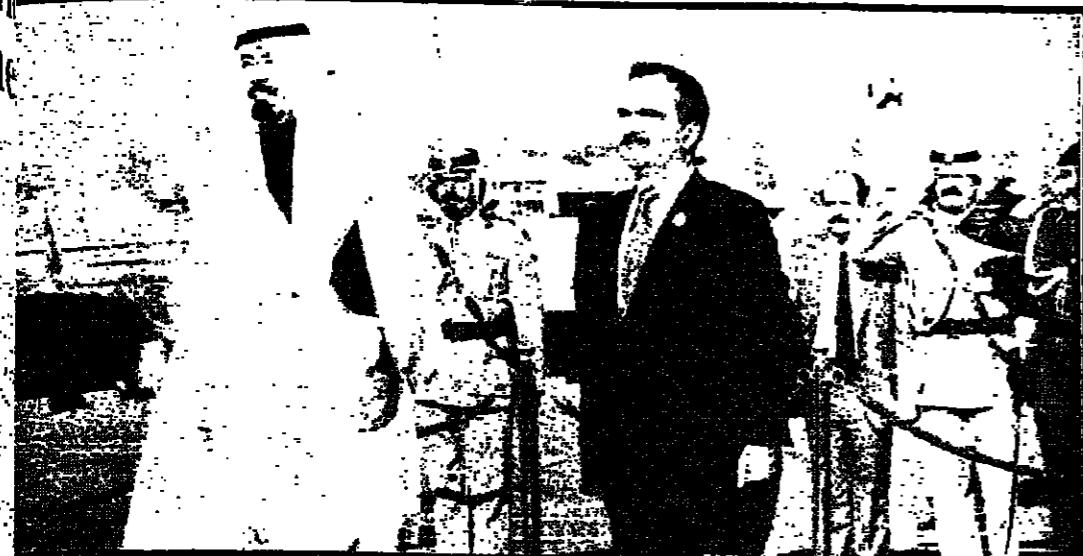
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His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan on Wednesday sees off Crown Prince Abdullah Ibn Abdul Aziz of Saudi Arabia.



Algerian President Chadli Benjedid



Sheikh Khalifa Ibn Hamad Al Thani, emir of Qatar

Officials and public jubilate over successful summit talks

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

JOY AND jubilation prevailed among Jordanian officials and citizens at the end of the extraordinary Arab summit which was dedicated to unifying the Arab World.

As the crucial meetings of the first fully-attended Arab summit in eight years ended with resolutions on major issues bedevilling the Arab World, Jordanians hailed His Majesty King Hussein as the moving spirit "for pan-Arab reconciliation" at the summit.

"Congratulations to the King and to the Jordanians for hosting a summit which has saved the face of the Arab Nation throughout the world," said a Jordanian official who spoke on condition his name not be mentioned.

Phrases like "Mabrouk" (Arabic for congratulations) Jordan, "It was a tremendous success," and "the meeting of Arab unity," and "Hussein, leader of Arab reconciliation," were few of the expressions mentioned by Arab and foreign journalists, as Arab League Secretary General Chadi Klibi read out the final communiqué of the conference at the closing session, which was telecast live by Jordan Television.

His Majesty was hailed by another Jordanian official in

appreciation and admiration for the "historical and nationalistic role he played before and during the summit" in making the Arab leaders agree on minimum resolutions to serve the nation's higher interests and collective action.

The resolutions adopted by the 21 Arab leaders on the Iran-Iraq war, the Arab-Israeli conflict, the situation in Lebanon and on Arab-Egyptian relations, "were more than we expected," said a professor at the University of Jordan.

"An event which has opened a new chapter in Arab relations" deserves all of my respect and appreciation said the professor, who preferred to remain anonymous.

Others underscored the various gains Jordan has achieved from a meeting which reconciled Iraqi President Saddam Hussein and Syrian President Hafez Al Assad and gave the Arab World a stronger position for pushing forward international peace efforts on solving the region's two main issues: the almost eight-year Iran-Iraq war and the Palestinian problem.

The Arab leaders have finally agreed "on a common denominator to save the face of the Arab World throughout the universe, and to enable the nation to stand up against its various challenges," said a lawyer.

On the eve of the summit's conclusion, King Hussein received cables of congratulations on the summit's success from the Speaker of the Lower House of Parliament Akef Al Fayed and Senator Bahjat Al Talhouni, who also was prime minister for several terms.

In the cable, Mr. Fayed reaffirmed the Lower House's support for His Majesty's policies, which are a true manifestation of the nation's will.

Expressing the feelings of the 60-member Lower House over the Arab conference, Mr. Fayed said the "Amman summit was a victory for the Arab Nation's will."

"The meeting's positive outcome is a result of Your Majesty's constant and blessed efforts towards solving the Arab World's crucial problems," said Mr. Fayed.

The Amman summit, he said, was the "meeting of the faithful Arabs, who displayed their free will and their insistence on joint Arab work to serve the nation's just causes, at the forefront of which are the Iran-Iraq war, the situation in the Gulf and in Lebanon."

The Arab leaders' free will was manifested in the important decisions they made during the summit on "the need to reinforce

Arab solidarity, and to revive the Joint Arab Defence Pact."

The Lower House Speaker said the King's keynote address to the opening "left its mark on the meeting, which decided to consider it one of the summit's official documents."

In his cable to the King, Mr. Talhouni, who is currently recovering in hospital after recent heart surgery, voiced his appreciation for the conference which adopted U.N. Security Council Resolution 598.

"Your virtue of patience, wisdom and vision have enabled you to overcome deep differences that dominated our Arab Nation for a long time," Senator Talhouni said. "You have risen above the residue to a level of pan-Arab achievement... no wonder in that coming from the heir of the glory of the Arab revolt..."

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Jordan and Algeria review cooperation in gas, oil industries

AMMAN (J.T.) — A delegation from the Natural Resources Authority (NRA) led by Abdul Ilah I Rousan returned to Amman after a visit to Algeria during which they discussed Jordanian-Algerian cooperation in the oil industry and in the exploitation of its resources.

During the several-day visit, the delegation inspected oil installations and exchanged experience on the oil and gas industries with the Algerians.

According to Mr. Rousan, who is director of the NRA's petroleum department, said that the visit was made in accordance with the Jordanian-Algerian agreement for exchanging information and expertise on oil-related matters. He said that the NRA will soon put up a unit that will be charged with all drilling operations. Mr. Rousan added that the authority will purchase next year a rig that

can drill down to 6,000 metres. The purchase of the new rig will enable the NRA to return the rigs currently in use, which are on loan from foreign countries.

NRA sources were quoted last September as saying that Jordan expects to make oil discoveries that will fulfill the country's needs in the 1990s. On Sept. 22, the NRA announced that its technical teams were involved in drilling exploratory wells at a number of sites in the Kingdom to determine and, later, tap underground energy resources.

The NRA said that the search was directed, in particular, at finding gas and hot mineral water resources which could be exploited for the production of electricity by means of special generator units to be built in cooperation with the Jordan Electricity Authority.

Energy officials had earlier announced the discovery of a significant gas field in the northern region of Risha. They said that the field would be developed immediately in order to help cut an oil import bill, which, last year, topped \$600 million.

The find came with the drilling of the Risha 3 well near the Iraqi border, just a few months after NRA Director-General Kamal Jreisat predicted that a big find was imminent.

Jordan's only other hydrocarbon production is at the small Hamzeh field, also in the north. Although the field produces a high quality low-sulphur oil, its output is sporadic and amounts to only 600 barrels a day. The country imports some 60,000 barrels a day.

During the past year, foreign oil companies had shown interest in exploring for oil in Jordan.

Mirghani praises King's efforts, summit's success

AMMAN (J.T.) — Ahmad Al Mirghani, head of the Presidency Council of Sudan, delivered an address at the closing session of the extraordinary Arab summit, in which he paid tribute to His Majesty King Hussein's efforts towards making the conference a success.

Mr. Mirghani, who led his country's delegation to the summit, said that he and his fellow Arab leaders deeply appreciated the King's endeavours in organising the conference as well as the hospitality extended to all delegations attending the meeting.

Jordan's only other hydrocarbon production is at the small Hamzeh field, also in the north. Although the field produces a high quality low-sulphur oil, its output is sporadic and amounts to only 600 barrels a day. The country imports some 60,000 barrels a day.

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Arab leaders depart after concluding successful summit

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — After four days of intense and successful deliberations, many Arab leaders who took part in the extraordinary Arab summit meeting departed a few hours after attending the summit's closing session on Wednesday.

The Arab leaders, departing with their accompanying delegations, were awarded official farewell ceremonies. They were seen off at the airport by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, Prime Minister Zaid Rifai, Court Minister Adnan Abu Odeh, Chief Chamberlain Prince Ra'd Ibraheem, Foreign Minister Taher Al Masri and other Jordanian officials.

The head of the Libyan delegation, Major Abdul Salam Jalloud, was seen off by Mr. Rifai and other ministers.

Crown Prince Abdullah Ibn Abdul Aziz of Saudi Arabia was the first to leave, followed by Morocco's Crown Prince Sidi Mohammad.

Throughout the afternoon, the following Arab leaders departed:

Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah, emir of Kuwait; Sheikh Khalifa Ibn Hamad Al Thani, emir of Qatar; Sheikh Zayed Ibn Sultan Al Nahyan, president of the United Arab Emirates (UAE); Sheikh Issa Ibn Salman Barre, president of Somalia.

Upon their departures, the Arab leaders sent cables to His Majesty King Hussein expressing their deep appreciation for the King's efforts in organising the summit and in working towards its success. They praised the King's commitment to bringing about a unified Arab stand regarding decisive and crucial issues facing the Arab Nation.

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Summit sends tough message to Iran

By Yousef Azmeh
Reuter

AMMAN — The Arab World sent its toughest message yet to Iran on Wednesday, warning Tehran that even its closest friends were getting embarrassed by its actions in the Gulf.

States that had consistently backed Iran, such as Syria and Algeria, confounded all expectations by backing resolutions that roundly condemned Tehran at the close of the four-day summit conference in Amman.

It was stupid of the Iranians to embarrass us by firing two missiles into Baghdad to coincide with the summit opening, he said.

A missile slammed into Baghdad, killing 11 people and wounding scores, minutes after Arab leaders gathered for their first full summit in eight years. Tehran said it had fired two missiles and indirectly linked the attack with the Arab summit.

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Gulf Arabs were also incensed by Silkworm missile attacks on Kuwait and wanted to urge Syria to pass this message on and help persuade Iran that it was time for moderation.

Syria came to the summit saying it would not endorse a broad condemnation of Iran and some diplomats say it could still convince Iran that those harsh words were largely harmless.

INDONESIAN TRADE EXHIBITION

Indonesian National Agency for Export Development and the Indonesian Embassy in Amman will organise a Trade Exhibition in Amra Hotel, Amman, Nov. 12-19, 1987. The participants, consisting of major Indonesian producers and exporters, are interested in expanding trade in the following fields.

- Timber / plywood products
- Spices, herb medicine
- Garments
- Leather products
- Electrical, car accessories, tyres
- Wood / bamboo / rattan handicrafts
- Canned food, foodstuff
- Medical equipment
- Household articles, glassware, etc.

54 Indonesian companies participate in the exhibition. The participants are staying at Amra Hotel, Amman.

For further information, please contact Amra Hotel, Tel: 815071.

Agriculture Ministry under secretary inspects projects

AMMAN (J.T.) — Under Secretary of the Ministry of Agriculture Salem Al Lawzi has made an inspection tour of a number of projects being implemented by the ministry.

He first called at the Al Husseini agricultural station where he was briefed on the production of saplings of forest and fruit trees,

which will be distributed to farmers and citizens during the next two months as part of the Kingdom's Arbor Day celebrations. Later, Dr. Lawzi called at

Ramtha agricultural station where he met officials and agricultural engineers to discuss the choice of a site for implementing the Ministry of Agriculture's high regions development project.

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Summit of success

IT has been more than a successful gathering of Arab leaders, and certainly greater than any single achievement in modern Arab politics. In the words of His Majesty King Hussein, the extraordinary Arab summit that concluded in Amman yesterday is a "new birth" for collective Arab action and a turning point for rebuilding the Arab Nation, with common stands and goals, with every inch of its soil dearly cherished by every Arab.

New birth it is for the entire Nation. For, through His Majesty's tireless and sincere efforts, his leadership and farsightedness, his love and appreciation for the Arab people, it has been made possible to speak of Arab unity and capability once again.

Not only Jordan and Jordanians, but the entire Arab World is proud of what His Majesty and his brother Arab leaders have achieved here in Amman. Those were memorable and historic four days, when they managed to reverse the slide and put us back on track, having transcended the complexities and impurities of the near past and placed the higher interests of our Nation above narrow gains and individual benefits.

Words, no matter how powerful and flowery, will not be able to match this summit's achievements in closing Arab ranks and cementing inter-Arab relations. What the Arab leaders have accomplished here is something that has to be appreciated and felt not only by the Arabs, but also by students of history everywhere.

There is no exaggeration in the fact that without the success of the emergency summit, the Arab states would have done irreversible damage to themselves, individually and collectively. It would not be an overstatement to say that they would have lost the way to strength and prosperity.

It is with this in mind that our people lived with nothing more than hope the days that preceded the summit and the long hours of its deliberations. We feared failure when we fully knew we could not afford it. But we never lost hope that our leaders would eventually rise to the challenge.

Here we are today, with a successful conclusion of a successful summit, completely satisfied that the Arab leaders have chosen to make it a landmark for a constructive and positive course of action.

With them the Arab masses join in being happy and grateful. To them they look for continued reinforcement and consolidation of the Amman summit spirit and resolutions.

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Al Ra'i: Summit's success

SIDE meetings held among Arab leaders during the summit conference have clearly deepened understanding and relationships among Arab countries, and increased the measure of optimism that the summit will end in success. Agreement on the need for confronting the common challenges and on collective action have overcome the past difficulties and succeeded in creating a very favourable atmosphere for the discussions. The initial success foiled all enemy predictions that the leaders will not be able to end their differences. A meeting between the Iraqi and Syrian presidents was no less delightful to the Arabs than that between King Hussein and PLO leader Yasser Arafat. Now that the ice has been broken, serious attempts should be made to initiate joint action and take the Arab Nation out of the long dark tunnel, and put an end to suffering. We have always believed that the Arab Nation is capable of rising up once again and foil all attempts by its enemies to sow despair in the hearts of Arab people. We have always believed that sacrifice and strong will can and should be able to help this nation to exercise its positive role once again, and come out united after divisions and strong after weakness. The Amman summit has been convened to lay down the foundation of this unified action and to help the Arabs to shape their own future.

Al Dustour: King's efforts pay

THE meetings of the Arab leaders in their third session were characterised by relaxation and harmony, displaying a fruitful result of the long and hard efforts exerted by King Hussein. The King has been working with all his might for reconciling Arab leaders and ending their disputes with a view to unifying the stands of the Arab countries and rallying their forces. This relaxed atmosphere at the summit came as a direct result of the King's long contacts, and indeed, it is cause for optimism not only for the Arab leaders but for the Arab masses at large. This favourable situation is essential for any fruitful result and any eventual collective action. In his address at the first closed session, King Hussein announced that the Amman summit was the last chance for the Arabs to arrive at solidarity, otherwise they will be swept away by the imminent flood. The King who is keen on Arab unity strove hard to bring about concordance among the Arab leaders and has thus laid down the beginning of the end of the Arab retreat, paving the way for the emergence of fruitful action. We are full of hope about the conference because we see no reason for not ending all divisions and achieving consensus. We want the Arab leaders to agree on means of helping us to fend off danger and regain our lands and our rights.

Sawt Al Shaab: Intensive bilateral contacts

THE Arab leaders who attended the Arab summit in Amman held intensive contacts with one another until a late hour Tuesday night with the hope of arriving at fruitful results for the deliberations. King Hussein who had convened the summit was instrumental in bringing about this solidarity among the leaders and their countries through his relentless efforts and his close contacts with each of the Arab heads of state. To enhance his efforts further the King called for eight party and a six party meetings grouping various parties opposed to one another and his efforts succeeded in bringing their views closer. These efforts are bound to lead to the creation of a united Arab force deterring all hostile actions against the Arab Nation.

King: We gathered with fears and incertitude; we emerge a unified Arab Nation with common stands

The following is His Majesty King Hussein's closing address to the extraordinary Arab summit that concluded its four-day deliberations on Wednesday:

In the Name of God, the Compassionate, the Merciful, Your Majesty, Your Excellencies, Your Highnesses, Brothers.

THANKS TO God Almighty, who has graciously assisted us and facilitated the means of meeting amongst ourselves: meeting at a common level in a distinctive and unique summit which was held after a long delay. The meeting at last occurred around joint objectives embodying righteousness, goodness, justice and infallibility.

We gathered under fears and incertitude with all eyes looking to us, and hearts pleading in apprehension. God Almighty has been kind to us as he bestowed upon us peace of mind and guided our steps, placed us under an umbrella of reconciliation and lightened our sights and hearts. The vision became clear after being blurred and darkened for so many years. The road ahead of us has been expanded and straightened after being interlaced and intertwined, leaving us in a state of dismemberment that almost led to complete loss of objective at the reality of our nation.

We now leave the summit conference after having transcended the complexities of the near past and its impurities and negative aspects. We have placed the higher national interest of our nation above narrow regional gains and individual benefits.

When fighting breaks out our blood is shed.

Kinship is promptly remem-

bered, and tears run down.

Brothers

We have no alternative but to be frank with each other in order to arrive at the depth of the matter and close the door to misunderstanding and its complications and consequences. This necessarily means that regular periodical meetings among all brothers are to continue, on all occasions and at different levels, whether such meetings are bilateral or multilateral so as to

close the gaps caused by estrangement which leads to the souring of relations, and which, if persist, can make our meetings more difficult. Hence the extreme value of the summit appears, and keenness to convene it on schedule becomes stronger.

Brethren

What we have achieved through God's will is a new birth for our march, and like any newly-born infant, it needs care.

The self-purifies, rising above differences and unanimity of



Arab leaders gather at the summit's closing session

stands and decisions which God Almighty endowed us with would not have been achieved in this manner which has realised the aspirations of the nation, if it was not for the sincere and honest endeavour made by each one of you. For you have exerted tremendous efforts day and night with a tireless determination. The success was also because these endeavours and efforts have met positive response and drawn rational reaction in an atmosphere of true fraternity, and profound understanding of the dangers surrounding the nation.

I sincerely thank every one of you for his contribution to the success of the conference and the realisation of its objectives, and for his kind reference to the principles contained in my speech at the first session, principles which were inspired by your consciences and those of our Arab Nation.

I am also happy to extend my deepest thanks on your behalf and on behalf of myself — to our dear brother Mr. Chadi Klibi, the secretary general of the Arab League, and to the League's Secretariat, and to all those who helped us to achieve what we have accomplished.

In conclusion, I implore God Almighty to bless the efforts you have exerted and the results you have achieved and make you worthy of being the centre of the hopes and the aspirations of this nation.

Our last prayer is to thank God Almighty, and God's peace and blessings be upon you.

Resolutions of the extraordinary Arab summit

Following is the final communiqué including the resolutions of the extraordinary Arab summit held in Amman between Nov. 8-11:

IN RESPONSE to the will of the Arab leaders which was based on the decision of the extraordinary session of the Arab League Council meeting in Tunis on 26/1 1408 H - 20/9/1987, and

In response to the invitation of His Majesty King Hussein Ibn Talal, King of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, the Jordanian capital, Amman, hosted the extraordinary Arab summit during the period Rabie Aww 17-20, 1408 H - November 8-11, 1987, and

Inspired by the historical responsibilities and by Arab national principles, fraternal relations, and by interlocking security, political and economic interests, as well as cultural and historical ties, being aware of the critical phase currently experienced by the Arab Nation, and of the challenges to its present and future that jeopardise its very existence; and conscious that division and discord cause weaknesses that compromise the potentials of the Arab Nation and squander its energies, the issue of Arab solidarity was the prime concern of the Arab leaders. They examined all its aspects and ramifications, pointing to its shortcomings. They unanimously confirmed the necessity to give priority to its support and reinforcement. They agreed that Arab solidarity was the sole means for realising the Arab Nation's pride and dignity and safeguarding it against any harm and danger.

The leaders agreed to transcend all differences, and to eliminate causes of inaction, dissension and disunity. Motivated by their loyalty to their nation and sincere national allegiance, they decided to adopt solidarity as a basic principle for joint Arab action, with the aim of embodying a unified stand, developing the Arab Nation's capacities, and its power of deterrence.

The leaders, after His Majesty King Hussein's speech, at the summit's first closed session, in which he pronounced "harmony and accord" as the motto of the conference, decided to adopt the address as an official conference document. They reiterated their commitment to the necessity of supporting Afro-Arab cooperation; their condemnation of terrorism and racial discrimination practised by the racist regime in South Africa; and their support for the struggle of the peoples of Southern Africa and Namibia.

Abiding by the Charter of the Arab League, the Joint Defence Treaty, and the Arab Solidarity Charter, and determined to safeguard Arab national security and preserve Arab territorial integrity, the Amman summit, governed by a spirit of fraternity and love, continued its work, with the issue of the Iraq-Iran war and the situation in the Gulf topping its agenda. The leaders expressed their anxiety at the continuation of the war and voiced their dis-

its territories and waters and safeguard its security and stability. The conference expressed its support for Kuwait in confronting the threats and aggressions of the Iranian regime. The conference confirmed its total solidarity with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and its support for the measures Saudi Arabia has adopted to ensure a suitable climate for pilgrims visiting the holy places to perform their rites in peace and humility. The conference rejected all forms of disturbances in the holy places that would infringe upon the safety and security of pilgrims and the sovereignty of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

The conference appealed to the international community to shoulder its responsibilities and exert effective efforts and adopt adequate measures to make the Iranian regime respond to calls for peace. The conference declared its solidarity with Iraq, its appreciation of Iraq's acceptance of Security Council Resolution 598 and its positive response to all peace initiatives. The conference confirmed its solidarity with and support for Iraq in safeguarding its territories and waters and in defending its legitimate rights.

The leaders reviewed developments in the Gulf region and the dangerous results of the Iranian provocations and aggression. The conference declared its solidarity with Kuwait in confronting the Iranian regime's aggression, and denounced the bloody criminal acts perpetrated by the Iranians in the vicinity of the Holy Mosque in Mecca.

The conference affirmed its support for Kuwait in all the measures it has taken to protect

and embodiment of a unified stand are the basic elements for confronting the Israeli danger that threatens the whole of the Arab Nation and subjects its very existence and future to danger.

Within the framework of supporting peace efforts and initiatives seeking to realise a just and permanent peace in the Middle East, conforming to international

lement of the Arab-Israeli conflict. They paid tribute and expressed appreciation to the Palestinian people in the occupied Arab territories, praising their resistance, blessing their struggle and steadfastness on their land, and reiterating their commitment of support and assistance.

The leaders considered the



Lebanese crisis and its tragic repercussions on the brotherly Arab Lebanese people. They stressed the importance they attach to Lebanon's national unity, its Arab character and territorial integrity, as well as their assistance to help it overcome the crisis and restore its strength and sovereignty.

The leaders examined international terrorism and condemned all its forms, methods and sources. They stressed their belief in the just struggle of peoples to achieve independence and sovereignty and to recover their freedom and legitimate rights.

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The leaders — firmly convinced that Arab national security cannot be completed and protected except through total solidarity comprising the entire Arab Nation and mobilising its energies and capabilities to achieve national objectives; and motivated by the unified hopes and assistance.

The conference reviewed the historical relations between the two divine religions, Islam and Christianity, as embodied in the city of Jerusalem, the symbol of peace. The conference also reviewed Israeli practices and its attempts at blatant blackmail. It called on member states to intensify dialogue with the Vatican with a view to gaining its support.

It invited His Majesty King Hussein, the chairman of the conference, to contact the Vatican on behalf of the Arab leaders.

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Iranians hit Japanese ship near U.S. convoy in Gulf

BAHRAIN (Agencies) — One of the largest convoys in four months of operations by the U.S. navy sailed unmolested up the Gulf on Wednesday, passing a tanker heading the other way just before it was attacked by Iranian gunboats.

The unusual daylight attack was the second in five days in the southern Gulf, and came as Iraq reported its warplanes scored "effective and accurate hits" on a ship off the Iranian coast.

Convoy activity was high in the waterway, with two other tankers escorted by a French navy Corvette sailing ahead of the Americans, while farther north, off the coast of Saudi Arabia, an Italian navy helicopter reported destroying a mine that was spotted in the path of an Italian merchant vessel.

The 12,964-ton chemical tanker Liquid Bulk explorer, Japanese-owned and flying the Panamanian flag, was off the emirate of Umm Al Qawain, approaching the Strait of Hormuz, when it was hit at 10:30 a.m. (0630 GMT), shipping salvage executives said.

The ship suffered damage from

four rocket-propelled grenades, and a small fire was extinguished by the crew, they said.

It was not clear how near that attack was to the U.S. warship-protected convoy, but ABC television reported that the tanker's captain warned an unidentified U.S. warship that it was headed towards the vicinity of the attack.

The Pentagon said the six ships in the new convoy included the Ibn Abdoun, a Bahraini-flag vessel carrying U.S. "foreign military sales items under protected vessel status by the United States while transiting the Persian Gulf."

The other five ships in the convoy include three Kuwaiti tankers, a U.S.-operated tanker and the military sea lift command vessel Mathieson, the Defense Department said.

Wednesday's Iranian attack was in apparent retaliation for

Iraqi raids on Iranian tankers, said salvage executives. Most of Iran's gunboat attacks on neutral shipping are at night.

The attack occurred about 32 kilometres from small Abu Musa island, known as a base for Iran's Revolutionary Guards to launch the sorties against neutral shipping in the southern Gulf. The attacks are believed to be in reprisal for Iraqi air raids against Iran's own oil shipping.

Iraq has intensified raids on Iran's oil installations, tankers and industrial targets since late August in a campaign to choke off the oil exports that finance Tehran's war effort.

Iraq says its army expects Iran to stage a new mass assault in the southern battle sector near the border city of Basra, Iraq's second-largest.

Diplomatic sources and Western analysts estimate Iran has assembled about 20 divisions, some 200,000 men, mostly Revolutionary Guards, for the campaign. In the last one 10 months ago, Iranian fighters battled to within 10 kilometres of Basra but were beaten back.

Wednesday's Iranian attack

Shultz may meet Soviet counterpart again to wrap up INF pact

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State George P. Shultz may have to hold another round of pre-summit talks with his Soviet counterpart before the two sides can wrap up a European missile treaty, U.S. officials have said.

If so, Mr. Shultz and Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard A. Shevardnadze would meet in Geneva before the U.S. Thanksgiving holiday, Nov. 26, to try to resolve a handful of knotty problems and have the treaty for President Ronald Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev to sign at a Washington summit beginning Dec. 7.

A major hurdle was cleared by U.S. and Soviet negotiators when they reached agreement that the Soviets could send inspectors to American missile installations in Britain, West Germany, Italy and Belgium. Mr. Shevardnadze told Western reporters at a Kremlin reception that he might see Mr. Shultz again to make final summit preparations. "Another meeting is possible," he said.

Three U.S. officials, who spoke to the Associated Press on condition of anonymity, said Mr. Shultz preferred having U.S. and Soviet negotiators settle the differences without involving the foreign ministers.

"The way things are going, I'd say it's 50-50, maybe a bit less," one official said of a Geneva meeting. "If I had to bet, I'd say no, but these sort of things are unpredictable."

Mr. Shultz and Mr. Shevardnadze discussed a possible Geneva meeting when the Soviet foreign minister was here two weeks ago to set the summit date with Mr. Reagan. Another U.S. official said Mr. Shultz had not taken the idea up with Moscow since then.

A decision could depend, in part, on how much progress Max M. Kampelman, the chief U.S. negotiator, and Deputy Soviet Foreign Minister Yuli M. Vorontsov make at a meeting scheduled next week in Geneva.

The United States also is concerned about whether the Soviets would attempt to modify the SS-25 missile, a longer-range weapon that has some similarities to the SS-20s that are to be scrapped, the official said.

The prospective treaty would require the destruction of 472 U.S. missiles in the four North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) countries and 683 Soviet rockets.

Briefcase explodes at Beirut airport; 6 killed, 73 injured

BEIRUT (Agencies) — A briefcase packed with explosives went off at the international airport in west Beirut on Wednesday, killing six people and wounding 73 others, police said.

Troops sealed off all roads to the airport and banned photographers from taking pictures.

More than 70 bombings have hit west Beirut since some 7,000 Syrian troops deployed in the capital in February to restore law-and-order.

Among the dead was the man carrying the briefcase.

Wednesday's explosion was the first bomb attack this year at the airport, Lebanon's main link with the outside world.

Lebanese army and Syrian troops deployed around the facil-

ties, police added.

The Syrians banned reporters and photographers from covering the event.

"A man's leg was chopped off. Blood littered the airport's entrance. Everybody panicked.

Women passengers shouted as they carried their children out of the airport premises," described a witness quoted by AP.

Airport officials said there were no injuries among the airport's employees or staffers of the Middle East airline's, Lebanon's national carrier.

One airport official, who declined to be named, said flight operations were unaffected.

King congratulates Tunisian president

AMMAN (J.T.) — His Majesty King Hussein has sent a cable to the Tunisian President Zine El Abidine Ben Ali congratulating him on assuming his post.

In his cable the King wished the new president success in establishing stability and peace in his country and leading his people towards further progress and prosperity.

The King also hoped that Tunisia would pursue efforts for serving Arab causes and contributing towards establishing solidarity among Arab countries.

Tamir says Jordan rejected Shultz plan

TEL AVIV (AP) — A senior Israeli official Wednesday confirmed that Jordan had rejected a U.S. compromise designed to overcome the objections of right-wing Israelis to an international peace conference.

Aram Tamir, the foreign ministry's director-general, a former army officer who negotiated military aspects of Israel's peace treaty with Egypt, also indirectly criticised President Reagan's failure to become more involved in efforts to restart the peace process.

Gen. Tamir told foreign reporters he had expected Jordan to veto a proposal that the Soviet Union and the United States oversee peace talks rather than the five permanent members of the U.N. Security Council.

"My view was that (Jordan) would reject it because (Jordan) needs this framework based on permanent members of Security Council as a safety valve against those who might put obstacles to prevent (the Arabs) from starting the negotiations with us," he said.

Tamir, a top aide to Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, said the international umbrella for talks between Israel and a joint Palestinian-Jordanian delegation was designed to forestall opposition from Syria and the Palestine Li-

boration Organisation (PLO).

"There is some sense in this way of thinking," said Tamir. "In a frame of five, you can have much more safety valves than in a frame of two, especially when there is real competition in the area between the two."

Pressed to confirm whether Jordan had ruled out a Soviet-American process, Tamir said: "I think yes."

Tamir's remarks were the first public confirmation of reports Jordan had rejected the compromise put forward by U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz on a Middle East visit last month.

He said Mr. Murphy, the assistant U.S. secretary of state, had done "fantastic work" in narrowing the gaps between the parties.

"But the real initiative is for someone to establish the bridge. Until then nothing can be done," he said.

Tamir also said Wednesday that Israel would back the creation of a union between Jordan and Palestine if an international Middle East peace conference were convened.

"We are talking of a solution which is not an independent Palestinian country... which is not a good solution for the Arabs either," he said.

"If a solution of the Palestinian problem should be in the last 10 years.

framework of a Jordanian-Palestinian confederation or federation with one central government, so that means the delegation (to a conference) should be at Jordanian-Palestinian delegations," he said.

Tamir did not outline frontiers for a Jordan-Palestine state but said he felt full peace should result in a return to borders before the Arab-Israeli war in 1967 with some rectifications.

He also indicated that Israel would ultimately drop long-time opposition to PLO presence at a peace conference if the organisation formed a delegation with Jordan.

Frenchman

shot in E. Beirut

BEIRUT (AP) — Unidentified gunmen shot and seriously wounded a Frenchman in east Beirut Wednesday, a television broadcast reported.

The Lebanese Broadcasting Corporation television identified the victim as Richard Caenel, 46, an engineer who has been living in Beirut's eastern sector for the last 10 years.

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Historic Arab summit concludes in Amman



His Majesty King Hussein, flanked by Prime Minister General Chadi Klibi, presides over the Minister Zaid Rifai and Arab League Secretariat closing session



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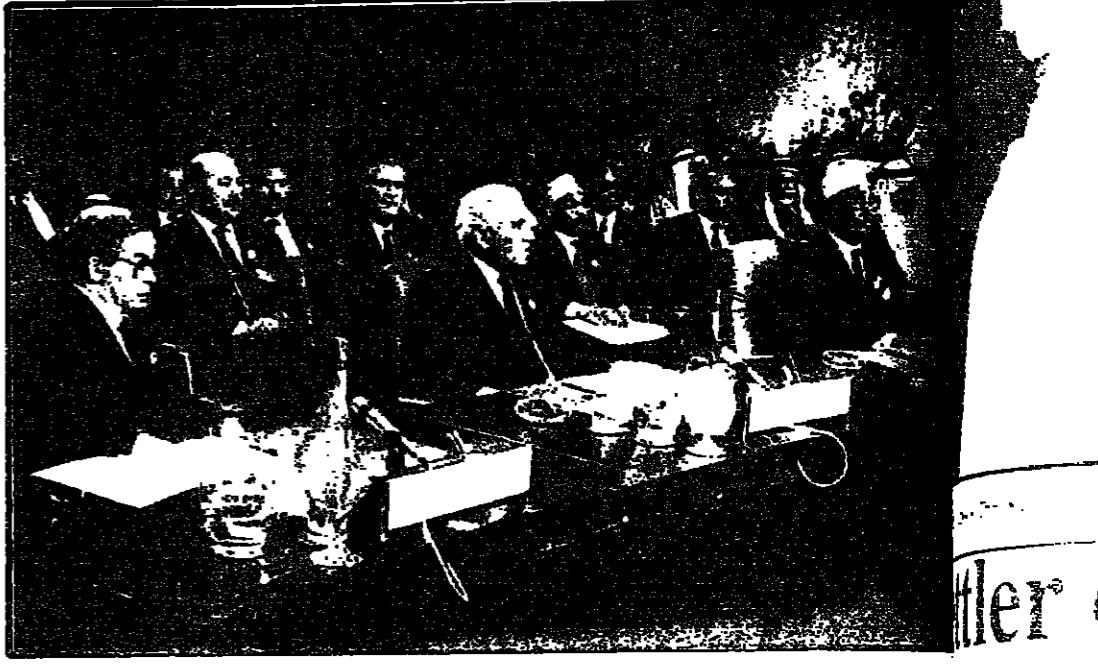
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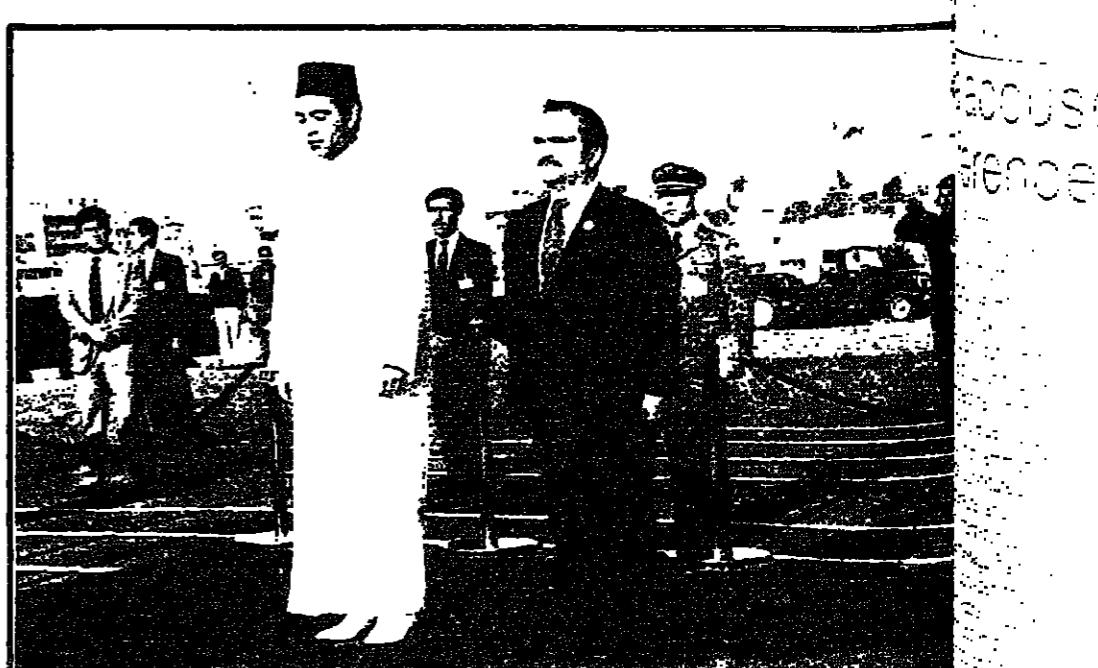
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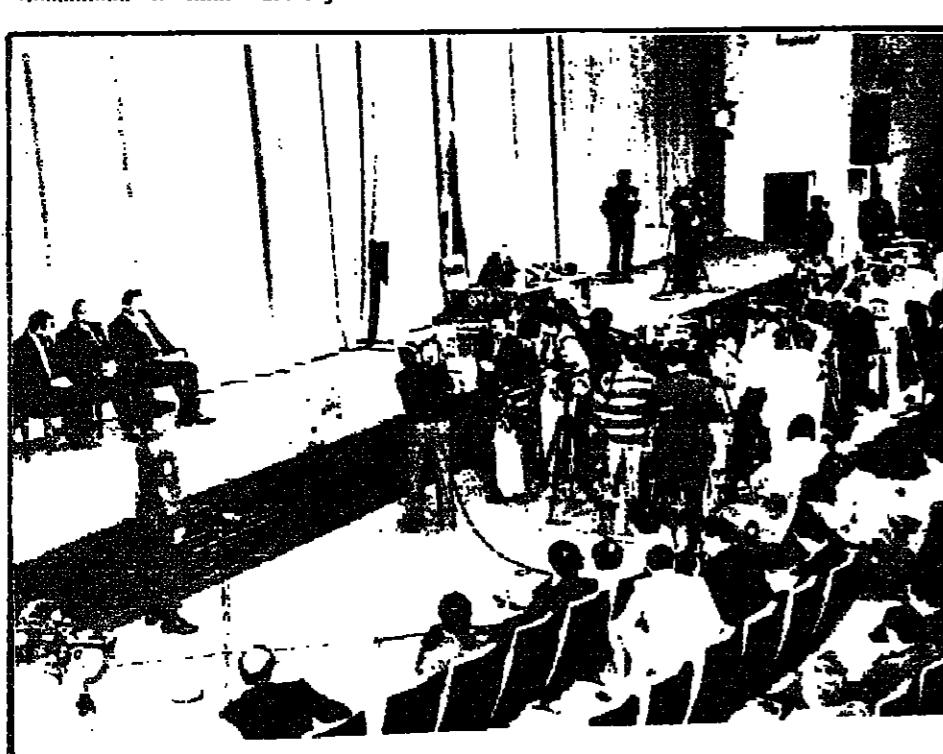
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His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan sees off Sheikh Issa of Bahrain



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His Majesty King Hussein holds a press conference Wednesday evening



His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan sees off Haidar Abu Bakr Al Attas of South Yemen



Prime Minister Zaid Rifai sees off Libya's Abdul Salam Jalloud

U.S. House approves \$23b foreign aid bill

WASHINGTON (R) — The House of Representatives on Thursday approved a two-year, \$23 billion foreign aid bill, with the largest amounts going to Israel, Egypt, Greece and Turkey.

The bill passed by 236-122 and went to the Senate, which is not expected to act on it before next year.

Nearly \$9 billion of the money is slated annually for foreign aid, with Israel and Egypt the largest recipients.

Israel would get \$3 billion in 1988 and 1989 and Egypt \$2.1 billion in each year. The measure also authorizes \$343 million for Greece and \$490 million for Turkey annually.

The bill, also authorising development programmes around the world is not supported by the Reagan administration, House Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Dante Fascell said.

There is no authorisation for U.S.-supported Nicaraguan contra in the measure.

But congressional officials said that \$22.8 million in additional non-military funds for the contras will be offered as an amendment to a money bill awaiting action by the Senate.

A proposed amendment to cut off aid to Pakistan if it produced weapons-grade uranium was not offered.

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

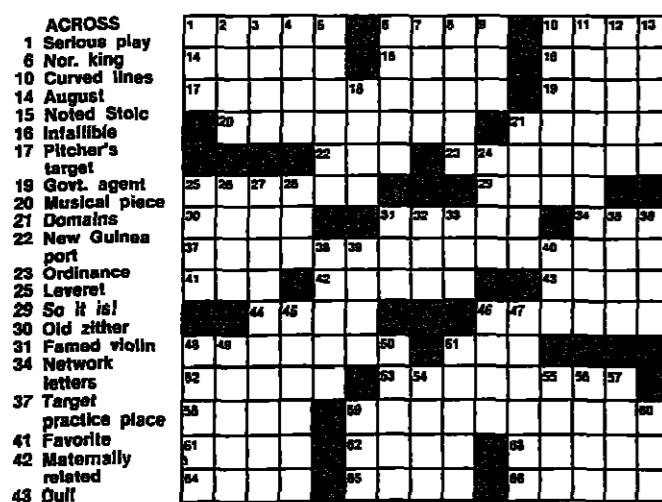
LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Friday.

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	1204/1205		Japanese yen
	128.35/45		Swedish crowns
	5.9300/9350		Norwegian crowns
	6.3500/3600		Danish crowns
	6.2875/2925		U.S. dollars
One ounce of gold	495.75/496.25		

LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON (R) — Share prices continued firm in fairly quiet late trading, with excitement over renewed bid activity far outweighing worries over Thursday's U.S. trade figures and the weak dollar, dealers said. At 1530 GMT Friday, the FTSE 100 was up 27.1 points (1.67 per cent) at 1,646.7 with volume of some 525 million shares changing hands by 1500 GMT. Dealers said Friday's rally was sparked by a series of dawn raids, with the first full bid to emerge being a £134.7 million cash offer for Tricentrol from France's Elf-Aquitaine. Other bids were for Freemans and Wood Mackenzie. Analysts pointed out that in view of the speed and scale of the October share slump, few investors would be likely to find paper on crash and paper offers attractive. "It's only really special situations which are keeping this market afloat at the moment," one dealer said. The emergence of fresh bids and stake-building operations this week have prevented the market from drifting longer in the face of bearish forecasts for the U.S. economy and dollar, he said. As well as Friday's bid activity there was another raid on shares in Britoil, with Warburg Securities finally admitting that it was bidding 350p per share for a 14.9 per cent stake.

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SAARC summit ends with anti-terrorism call

KATHMANDU (R) — South Asian leaders ended an annual summit meeting on Wednesday with a pledge of joint action against terrorism and a call from Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi for cooperation to save the environment.

The seven heads of state or government of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) said in closing speeches that their three days of talks in Kathmandu had been highly successful.

Foreign ministers of the seven countries — Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, the Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka — signed a convention covering the prosecution and extradition of terrorists within the region.

It is to be ratified by national parliaments within six months.

The foreign ministers also signed an agreement to set up an emergency reserve of 200,000 tonnes of food for areas hit by cyclones, floods, drought or other natural disasters.

Mr. Gandhi, whose country dominates the grouping of more than one billion people, devoted much of his address to an earnest call for joint action against environmental degradation.

U.S.-Spain talks on bases deadlocked

MONTEREY, California (R) — U.S. Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger and Spanish Defence Minister Narcis Serra, holding last-minute talks, have failed to solve the issue of U.S. F-16 fighter planes based in Spain, officials on both sides said on Tuesday night.

The two men, in a bilateral meeting during a NATO nuclear planning session here, failed to break the deadlock over the fate of the F-16s, according to the officials who did not want to be identified.

Spain's Socialist government

wants the removal of the squadron of 24 F-16s based at Torrejon near Madrid under an agreement with the late Spanish leader Francisco Franco.

Spanish sources said only talks between high-level U.S. and Spanish officials in Madrid on Thursday and Friday now offered any chance of an end to the stalemate.

A final decision on the treaty covering the F-16s, which are capable of carrying nuclear weapons, must be made by Nov. 14, according to the Spanish sources.

closing address, saying:

"Although there is a clear recognition and need for gradually incorporating some of the 'core' areas of the economy into the SAARC agenda, psychological barriers continue to inhibit our progress."

The seven states bitterly criticised the state of the world economy, condemning rising protectionism and a weakening of the international trading system.

The declaration said there had been a reverse flow of resources from developing nations to the industrialised states and called for an early international conference on money and finance for development.

The urgent need for development was a recurring theme in seven leaders' speeches.

"Our people need to be fed better, to be sheltered better, to be educated better," Maldives President Abdul Maumoon Gayoom said.

Prime Minister Mohammad Khan Junejo of Pakistan, where more than 200 people have died in a wave of bomb attacks this year, denounced terrorism as a menace and a scourge.

A Pentagon official, who did not wish to be named, acknowledged that time was now short.

"If the two ministers could not reach agreement it is difficult to see who else could break the deadlock," he said.

The United States says the F-16s are important for the defence of the Western alliance's Southern Flank.

But the Socialist government in Spain says the removal of the F-16s is necessary for it to keep faith with a public pledge it made last year.

Indians capture main Tigers arms depot

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP) — Indian paratroopers who killed 25 Tamil fighters in taking a rebel island stronghold discovered the island apparently was the main arms depot for the dominant Tamil militia, an Indian diplomat said Wednesday.

"Troops have found large caches of arms, explosives, ammunition," the diplomat said. "The island is being regarded as the main armoury base for the Tamil Tigers."

Officials had long thought the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, the largest rebel militia, was using the island as a main base for smuggling arms from southern India, Sri Lankan military sources said.

Karaitivu Island is less than 75 kilometres from the Indian coast. It is 10 kilometres west of Sri Lanka's Jaffna peninsula.

The diplomat said Indian forces, which landed on the island Tuesday, killed 25 rebel fighters and captured 40 others. The diplomat, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said she had no casualty figures for the attacking troops.

Indian officials said the paratroop force had the element of surprise and was able to capture the island quickly, despite its heavy fortifications.

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Armed veteran seized after threat to Shultz

WASHINGTON (R) — Police on Tuesday arrested a heavily-armed Vietnam ex-serviceman on charges of threatening Secretary of State George Shultz and possibly President Reagan after being warned by authorities to leave his man's hometown.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) said Edward Gallo, 41, of Worcester, Massachusetts, was arrested in a Washington hotel room and fully loaded weapons including an AR-15 semi-automatic rifle, a sawed-off 12-gauge shotgun and another shotgun were seized.

Authorities said police were alerted by Worcester authorities that his mother and sister said Gallo left the house heavily armed on Monday, saying "he was going out killing."

Washington police said Gallo had threatened to kill Mr. Shultz and also may have been a danger to Mr. Reagan, but the White House had no comment on the police report and the secret service said: "We have nothing to confirm that at this time."

French find SAM-7 missiles in ship destined for IRA

BREST, France (R) — Missiles, machine-guns, rifles and pistols discovered on a ship off northern France were destined for Irish Republican Army (IRA) guerrillas fighting British rule in Northern Ireland, a French prosecutor said.

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Police solve 'clean crime' incident

GILROY, California (AP) — Police will not seek criminal charges against a mentally disabled youth who broke into a man's home, made the bed, washed the dishes and folded the laundry. The case was neatly closed after the 12 year old's mother came forward on Oct. 23 and told the man her son had cleaned his house, said Police Cmdr. Vern Gardner. The man asked not to be identified and asked that charges not be pressed, Gardner said Sunday. "She said my house caught her son's attention because the flowers outside were dry," the man told the Gilroy Dispatch newspaper. Gardner said he was "glad it ended on a light note." About two weeks ago, the youth broke into the man's house and made the bed, washed the dishes, folded the laundry, dumped the trash and stacked the newspapers.

Governor's aide wins Illinois lottery

SPRINGFIELD (R) — Governor James Thompson's press secretary won nearly \$6.7 million in this week's state lottery, organisers announced on Monday. David Fields, 36, a former reporter for United Press International, said he intended to continue working despite his newfound wealth. He was one of two grand prize winners in a \$13-million drawing. The other was Calixto Baynon-Ruiz of Chicago. Each will receive an initial check of \$335,835.50 and annual checks of \$343,000 for the next 19 years. Fields had been buying Illinois lottery tickets under a subscription plan whereby tickets are automatically mailed each week. The subscription was scheduled to expire next week, lottery officials said.

Hostage freed in exchange for monk

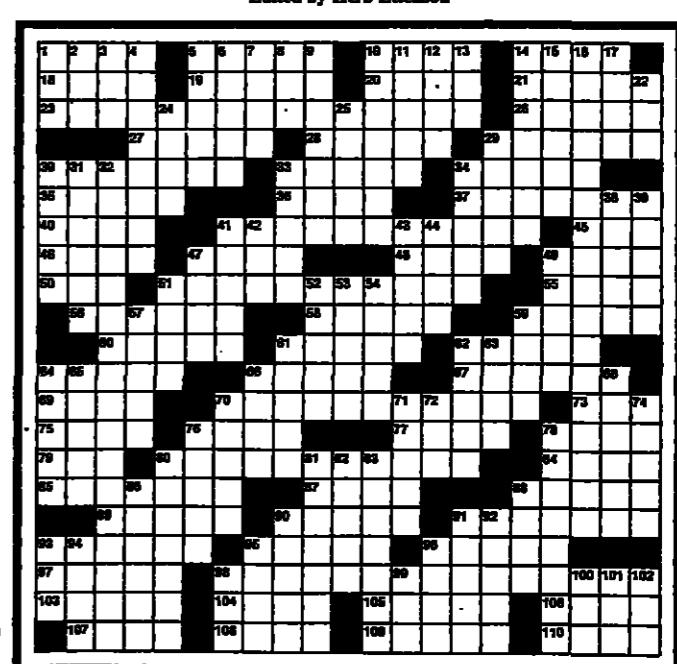
SASSARI, Sardinia (R) — A wealthy Sardinian farmer's wife kidnapped by bandits in July was released on Monday night after a Franciscan monk traded places with her, police sources said. They said Piera Demurtas Comida, who was snatched in broad daylight on July 7, had been abandoned by a roadside near the Sardinian town of Sassari. She appeared to be in good health. A Franciscan monk, Giuseppe Solinas, handed himself over to the kidnappers last Friday in exchange for the woman. The police sources said he was still being held, apparently while a ransom was raised. Last month, police stumbled on the kidnappers while they were negotiating with another mediator and opened fire, hitting the go-between several times. The bandits escaped.

Gorbachev spent holiday writing book

WASHINGTON (R) — Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev spent his summer holiday finishing a book on his reform programmes and foreign policy, Soviet Ambassador Yuri Dubinin has said. Mr. Gorbachev's holiday had been a subject of much speculation, as he was not seen in public for weeks. Until he reappeared, rumours circulated that he might be in political trouble. The ambassador said at an embassy news conference, "We're revealing a secret — what (Mr. Gorbachev) did during his holiday: he was working on his book." Extracts from the book, "Perestroika: New thinking for our country and the world," have begun appearing in newspapers around the world. "We want to be understood," Mr. Gorbachev wrote in the introduction. Simon Bessie of Harper and Row, Gorbachev's American publisher, told reporters the book was a "publisher's dream," but he declined to say how much, if anything, the publishing house paid Mr. Gorbachev. Harper and Row had approached the Soviet embassy two years ago saying a book in which Mr. Gorbachev explained his philosophy could be very useful, Bessie said. Mr. Gorbachev agreed. Bessie said he suggested minor changes in the manuscript for clarity's sake but did not presume to question the author's ideas.

WEEKEND CROSSWORD

Edited by Herb Etteman



DUAL PERSONALITIES
By Elaine D. Schorr

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Asian oil traders see further price falls

TOKYO (R) — Crude oil prices are expected to fall further due to continued overproduction by OPEC members despite sharp price declines in the last week, East Asian oil traders said on Wednesday.

This could deter Japanese oil companies from renewing direct supply contracts with producers at the official prices, in favour of buying oil on the free market, they said. Japan is the world's second-biggest oil importer after the United States.

The key Middle East Dubai crude is now trading on the free market at nearly \$1 below the price of \$17.42 a barrel set by the Organisation of Petroleum Ex-

porting countries (OPEC). "Unless oil prices stabilise, it will be difficult for Japanese firms to keep term contract purchases at the current level," said a spokesman for one Japanese trading house.

"We have no confidence at all in the January market," he added.

Earlier this year when oil prices were higher, Japanese importers covered most of their requirements to the end of this year with long-term purchases. Japan imports around 3.6 million barrels of crude a day.

But OPEC production has surged to around 19 million barrels per day (b/d), way above its

self-assigned 16.6 million b/d ceiling, and prices are being discounted by several major producers, oil industry sources said.

"The world does not need 19 million b/d of OPEC oil, even in the winter," said one oil analyst.

He said OPEC output began to mount in July and oil companies had since taken the opportunity to gradually build up stocks.

"Everyone is now stocked and quite happy," he said. "Even if OPEC gets production back down to 16.6 million b/d it's going to take another couple of dollars.

"And it will take a while before the Japanese renew term contracts if nothing concrete comes out of the meeting," he said.

Most long-term contracts between Japanese oil companies and producers expire at the end of December.

Japanese traders and refiners said they were holding off contract renewal talks until the outcome of the OPEC meeting is clear.

"OPEC has to get production under control," said a major oil company trader. "The price falls over the past week are a demonstration of what could happen if something isn't done."

Dollar rebounds from record lows

LONDON (Agencies) — The dollar steadied on Wednesday, having bounced back from record lows the day before, and European shares were generally firmer despite sharp drops in Asian markets.

London shares rose 3.7 per cent on Wednesday morning, but Tokyo shares fell almost three per cent. Gold rose \$3.05 an ounce to be fixed in London at \$461.30.

The dollar traded at around 1,664 West German marks and 134.40 yen, up from the record low of 1,6475 marks and the post-war low of 133.13 yen it touched on Tuesday in Europe and just slightly below Tokyo's Wednesday close.

"This dollar rally has just been

a knee-jerk reaction to the speed of the recent drop. The selling should begin again on Thursday," said one trader at a leading U.S. bank in Frankfurt.

Just since the start of November, the dollar has dropped about four per cent against the mark and three per cent against the yen.

Investors still want concrete action on cutting the twin U.S. budget and trade deficits. And Thursday is the day the United States reports its September trade results.

Share values and the dollar remain under pressure despite President Reagan's remarks on Tuesday when he said of the dollar: "I don't look for a further decline... from where it is right now."

"People are still very sceptical," said one Frankfurt trader.

Dealers say they are not expecting good news about the U.S. trade deficit, especially after Japan reported on Wednesday that its trade surplus with the United States for October was hardly changed at just below \$5 billion.

Many say it was disappointment that the August U.S. trade gap narrowed to just \$15.7 billion from \$16.5 billion in July — the poor August figures helped to set off the stock market crash in mid-October.

Meanwhile, White House officials and congressional leaders say they have been narrowing their differences over how to cut the budget deficit in their talks in Washington.

"It's basically nervous and panic selling with very little attention to fundamentals," said Mr. Peter Gray, a senior dealer with Potter Partners in Melbourne.

Rockefeller sees no repeat of Great Depression

In Bangkok, Mr. David Rocke-

feller, retired chairman of the Chase Manhattan Bank, has said he does not foresee a repeat of the Great Depression that followed the Wall Street crash of 1929, despite the fall in share prices.

Mr. Rockefeller, speaking to the American Chamber of Commerce in Bangkok on Tuesday evening, said: "Many more safeguards are in place now than there were then, and fundamental economic conditions are stronger."

Analysing the causes of the financial markets turmoil, Mr. Rockefeller attacked U.S. economic policies and accused American leaders of failing to learn the lessons of the past.

"The focus has been on large returns from immediate deals," he said. "With little attention to such facts as our enormous national debt, or the growing forces of protectionism in the face of U.S. trade balances."

But he said that unless the United States reduces its trade deficit, it will do serious damage to world trade and the world economy."

Asked by reporters about the drop in the dollar and its impact on trade, he said he thought that there would have been a larger improvement in the trade deficit by now because of the decline in the dollar.

"I really don't believe we have had a chance to see what would happen as a result of the fall of the dollar," he said.

Mr. Verity said that in the final analysis the value of the currency will be determined by the market-place.

Reagan approves stop-gap funding for government

In Washington, U.S. Com-

merce Secretary William Verity,

saying he would visit Tokyo next

week to discuss trade and other

issues, said on Tuesday that

Japan's huge trade surpluses were

clearly unsustainable.

"Both they and we know that

the Japanese trade surplus —

\$82.7 billion with the world last

year and \$51.4 billion with the

United States alone — is simply

not sustainable," said Mr. Verity,

who succeeded the late Malcolm

Baldridge last month.

The bill, formally known as a "continuing resolution," funds the government under 1987 spending levels through Dec. 16.

The legislation was required because Congress has failed to pass any appropriation bills to fund the government in the new fiscal year, which began Oct. 1.

Mr. Verity had been invited by Japanese trade officials but said that while in Tokyo he hoped to meet Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita.

"I do not, of course, expect to negotiate on specific items, but I do expect to talk very frankly with our Japanese friends about our mutual — and I stress mutual — trade problem," he said.

Mr. Verity, discussing current budget talks between the White House and the U.S. Congress, said that major reductions in the deficit was necessary.

"It is important that we bite the bullet now and that we take a big cut in the deficit in the current negotiations on the (Capitol) Hill," he said.

He conceded that the U.S. budget deficit was the primary reason for the trade deficit, but also pointed the finger at Japan and West Germany for not stimulating their economies, allowing more imports from overseas.

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LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Wednesday.

One Sterling	1.7867/77	U.S. dollars
One U.S. dollar	1.3175/85	Canadian dollar
1.6643/53	1.8726/36	West German marks
1.3635/45	34.81/86	Dutch guilders
5.6500/600	6.0275/0375	Swiss francs
1227/1228	6.3525/3625	Belgian francs
134.40/50	6.4125/4225	French francs
One ounce of gold	460.50/461.00	Italian lira
		Japanese yen
		Swedish crowns
		Norwegian crowns
		Danish crowns
		U.S. dollars

LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON (R) — Shares continued their rally in late trading, but dealers said another bout of profit-taking left the market below earlier highs, encouraged by a firm Wall Street opening.

A statement from Warburg Securities Wednesday morning that the worst of the recent crash of U.K. share prices could be over lent some support but most dealers said they remained cautious.

One said, "I'm not convinced, we want to see some action from the U.S. on their (budget) deficit. The factors that set the crash off are still there." At 1530 GMT the FTSE 100 index was 60.3 points up at 1,633.8 after a high of 1,640.3 at 1448.

On Wednesday morning, Ian Harwood, director of Warburg's U.K. equities division, said recent share falls were overdone and that worries about world recession were exaggerated. Harwood said, "We don't expect shares to move back to pre-crash levels in the near future but 1,900 on the FTSE by the end of the year is likely."

Many in the market, however, remain concerned that the U.S. will not cut its budget deficit by much more than the \$23 billion required under the Gramm-Rudman legislation and that this will hurt sentiment.

U.S. firm signs first joint venture with USSR

MOSCOW (R) — Combustion Engineering Inc. of Connecticut became the first U.S. firm to enter a joint economic venture in the Soviet Union on Wednesday when it signed a contract to join in making equipment for the petroleum industry.

Western firms have generally responded cautiously to a Soviet offer last year to set up joint enterprises with foreign companies, preferring to wait while they monitor the experiences of a few pioneers from Finland and West Germany.

But Combustion Engineering apparently had no qualms in going ahead with a project for a factory employing up to 300 mostly Soviet citizens for which it will supply computer software and put up an initial sum worth about \$8 million.

The five-year agreement was signed by the U.S. firm's president, Mr. Charles Hugel, and a

legal representative of Oil Refining Minister Nikolai Lemayev.

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This would be known by its Soviet acronym, PRIS, and would develop automated control systems for oil refining and petrochemical plants, a spokesman for the U.S. firm said.

Computer software would be provided by the Americans while the Soviet side would contribute engineering equipment and tools, he added.

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Both Bangladesh opposition leaders held during protests

DHAKA (R) — Police detained both of Bangladesh's main opposition leaders on Wednesday, and 50 protesters were injured during a protest against police shootings at anti-government demonstrations the previous day.

Police broke down a hotel room door to take Begum Khaleda Zia, leader of the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP), into what they called "safe custody."

Scores of police also prevented Sheikh Hasina, head of the biggest opposition group, the Awami League, from leaving her home to address a press conference.

The two women had called a general strike in Dhaka to protest against the killing of at least three people in demonstrations on Tuesday aimed at forcing the resignation of President Hossain Mohammad Ershad.

The government has banned public meetings of more than five people in the capital for the next week.

Thousands of protesters fought running battles for the second consecutive day in central Dhaka

with police who fired tear gas and charged with batons.

They detained 73 people bringing total arrests since the opposition campaign was launched two weeks ago to an official 1,456.

A handful of rioters set fire to a U.S. Information Service cultural centre. The motive for their action was not clear. The building was gutted.

BNP Secretary-General K.M. Obaidur Rahman and two other party leaders were arrested with Ms. Khaleda who had stayed overnight in an hotel fearing she would not be allowed to leave her house to lead a march during the strike.

Police said Ms. Khaleda would be interned for a month in her home only 200 yards from Gen. Ershad's house.

After the dawn to dusk strike ended truckloads of police descended on Ms. Hasina's home

1 dies in Thai armoury blast

PAK KRED, Thailand (R) — One man was killed when obsolete munitions exploded at a Thai armoury north of Bangkok on Wednesday and started a fire, an army spokesman said.

Maj.-Gen. Nareudol Dejpravivudh said Nikhom Sujit, 28, was killed when the munitions detonated at the Quartermaster Department armoury in Pak Kred, about 20 kilometres north of Bangkok.

"It was not sabotage. Such

materials are highly unstable and can go off on their own," he told reporters.

Police told reporters that damage from the explosions and a fire that followed was restricted to a bunker for old, fused weapons being tended by Nikhom.

First reports had said at least two men were killed.

Army officers said the armoury was moved to Pak Kred from a site nearer Bangkok after an explosion in 1980.

Poland announces arrest of underground Solidarity chief

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — The last major underground Solidarity leader, a fugitive since the 1981 martial law crackdown, has been captured by police, the government announced Tuesday.

Kornel Morawiecki, leader of a militant Solidarity splinter group known as Fighting Solidarity, was arrested Monday night at an apartment in Wroclaw in south western Poland, government spokesman Jerzy Urban announced at the beginning of his

weekly news conference.

Arrested with him was a 46-year-old woman identified only as Hanna L., the spokesman said.

Mr. Urban said that Morawiecki was being investigated on suspicion of smuggling and possessing false identification papers, for allegedly participating in a smuggling ring involving people in Poland and Sweden. The Polish News Agency (PAP) said the smuggling was "subversive and anti-socialist."

U.N. assembly sets 'zone of peace' for South Atlantic

UNITED NATIONS (R) — The United States cast the lone vote on Tuesday against a U.N. measure calling for creation of a peace zone in the South Atlantic, free from outside military forces and nuclear weapons.

By a vote of 122-1, with eight abstentions, the General Assembly approved implementation of a measure to lay out a "zone of peace and cooperation" in the South Atlantic between Africa and South America.

The United States, which also

voted against the resolution last year, argued that only multilateral negotiations, not a U.N. resolution, could create an internationally recognised peace zone.

The resolution, introduced last year at the request of Brazil, also calls for greater economic and social cooperation within the region. The U.N. action is non-binding.

Abstaining were Belgium, France, West Germany, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, The Netherlands and Portugal.

GOREN BRIDGE

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SECOND HAND WHAT?

Both vulnerable South deals

NORTH ♦ J 10 7 3

♦ Q J

♦ K 9 4 3

♦ K 8 6

WEST ♦ 8 ♦ K

J A K T 6 5 3 ♦ 10 9 8 4

♦ J 2 ♦ A 8 7 6

♦ J 5 4 2 ♦ A Q 9 7

SOUTH ♦ A Q 9 6 5 4 2

♦ 2 ♦ 10 3

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♦ 10 3

The bidding: South West North East

3 ♦ Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: King of ♦

We are indebted to Mike Oechsler of Cincinnati for this hand. It has many points of interest in both the bidding and the play.

Note the effect of South's pre-emptive opening bid. Although East-West can make 11 tricks at a heart contract with a right to win in clubs, it was difficult for either to enter the auction with any degree of safety. However, we must confess that we would find it hard to

resist making a takeout double in the balancing seat.

The defenders started by trying to cash two rounds of hearts, declarer ruffing the second. Since entries were at a premium, declarer elected to lead the ace of trumps, picking up the king. He paused to consider his prospects.

He had two potential losers in each minor suit. It seemed that the logical way to hold those losers to three was to lead toward the king of clubs. If that failed, declarer could try to guess the location of the jack of diamonds.

There was one other chance, not so easy to spot. To the fourth trick declarer led the three of clubs (he would tempt a cover) and when West followed with a low club, declarer inserted dummy's six, and, although East could win the trick cheaply, he was end played. A heart return would yield a ruff-and-stuff, and either minor suit would present declarer with a trick in that suit.

Obviously, West could force declarer into cashing the diamonds by going in with the jack of clubs on the lead of the three. Would you have done that?

PUBLIC INVITATION

On the occasion of His Majesty King Hussein's birthday, the Department of Antiquities has the pleasure to invite all citizens, residents and their guests to visit national museums and sites, including Petra and Jerash, free of charge on this happy day, November 14, 1987.

The vehicle, which at 21 tonnes

U.N. reports Afghanistan human rights improvements

and escorted her back inside when she attempted to leave.

"I am being arrested, this is totally unconstitutional," she shouted to reporters from behind a phalanx of police riot shields. Ms. Hasina is leader of the parliamentary opposition.

Both leaders said their house arrest would not stop the opposition campaign to topple Gen. Ershad, who has ruled this nation of 105 million people since seizing power in a bloodless 1982 coup.

All shops, offices and factories were shut on Wednesday in Dhaka and several towns across the country. Only cycle-rickshaws moved in the streets. River ferries and some flights did not operate.

Thousands of government and bank employees trudged several miles between their homes and offices.

BSS news agency said Gen. Ershad visited the main government offices in the city centre where he found normal attendance. But witnesses said only 50 to 60 per cent of employees made it to work.

Norway expects to find more bugs in Prague embassy

OSLO (R) — A senior intelligence official said on Wednesday that there may well be more bugging devices than those found last month in Norway's embassy in Prague.

Commander Kaare Graaflam, head of the security section at Norway's Defence Command which checks foreign embassies, told Reuters that microphones found in October could have been obviously planted to lull Oslo into a false sense of security. "It is likely that there are other, more advanced systems in the building," he said.

Norway said on Tuesday it had found between 10 and 20 microphones in the embassy and had delivered a sharp diplomatic protest to Prague.

NATO member Norway, a prime target for espionage, said the bugs were placed recently but that Norwegian interests had not been damaged.

It was the second time in six years that Norway found bugging devices in its Prague embassy.

Wife of Irish nationalist charged with kidnapping

DUBLIN (R) — The wife of a maverick Irish nationalist guerrilla who police believe masterminded the kidnapping of Dublin dentist John O'Grady has been charged with his abduction.

Clare O'Hare was charged with falsely kidnapping Dr. O'Grady between Oct. 12 and Nov. 6. She appeared in a heavily-guarded anti-terrorist special court and was remanded in custody until Nov. 18.

Mrs. O'Hare was arrested on Sunday after her husband, Dessie O'Hare, was alleged to have shot at her during an argument when he was last reported seen at Dunleer, 65 kilometres south of Dublin.

The police face a government inquiry after Justice Minister Gerry Collins conceded they made major blunders in allowing the kidnap gang to escape road blocks three times.

U.K. isolated as Europe agrees on astronaut space programme

THE HAGUE (R) — Britain remained isolated as other Western European nations agreed to go ahead with a \$13 billion programme to put European astronauts in space before the turn of the century, officials said.

Britain was the only member country not to approve the three programmes, protesting that Ariane-5 would be uncompetitive as a satellite launcher and that Hermes was an expensive status symbol.

He said Britain was still interested in parts of the Columbus project, especially the unmanned Earth Observation Platform, but was unwilling to commit funds until an agreement with the United States had been reached.

Ministers of the 13 member nations gave the European Space Agency (ESA) approval to build Ariane-5, a rocket which will more than double the weight of satellites that Europe can lift at each launch to six tonnes.

The rocket, due to fly by the mid-1990s, will also be used to blast Hermes into orbit, paving the way for Europe's first independent manned space programme.

The vehicle, which at 21 tonnes

Rebel troops blamed for ambush of Filipino leftist

MANILA (R) — A top Philippine military commander said on Wednesday he suspected rebel soldiers had been involved in the ambush of a prominent leftist academic in Manila.

Brigadier-General Ramon Montano told reporters the ambush on Tuesday of Nemesis Prudente was probably the work of rebels led by former Maj. Reynaldo Cabauatan, who was linked to previous coup plots against President Corazon Aquino.

"I suspect the rightists... Cabauatan's group. It is their style to liquidate to show they are anti-Communist as they say," said Brig. Montano, the Regional Command defence chief.

It said the number of political prisoners had been reduced in government-controlled areas, prisoners had been released as a result of amnesties, religious practices were not restricted, no new reports of torture as defined by international accords had been received in the last six months, and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) had been allowed to inspect the Pol-I-Charkhi Prison.

Mr. Prudente, an Austrian member of parliament and a Vienna University law professor, said the present human rights situation in Afghanistan was characterised by the government's attempt to implement a "policy of national reconciliation."

"Leaving aside the speculation on the motive for such a policy, the special rapporteur recognises that there are some improvements in the human rights situation in government-controlled areas, compared with the situation described in previous reports however, in combat areas there are still serious contraventions of humanitarian law and human rights," the report said.

The General Assembly has voted overwhelmingly for the ninth year to condemn the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan and demanded early and complete withdrawal of 120,000 Soviet troops.

The 159-member world body on Tuesday defeated a drive by the Soviet Union, its allies and Afghanistan to tone down the traditional resolution of international denunciation first passed shortly after the Soviet Union intervened in the West Asian nation in December 1979.

The vote of 123 to 19, with 11 abstentions, came as U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar submitted a human rights report on Afghanistan milder than last year's.

The new bloodshed took the death toll so far this week to 95. Police said they have arrested 64

North Korean students and 140 of the house's 168 seats.

COLLARING DICE

Schoolboy financier not to pay crash losses

LONDON (R) — A 16-year-old schoolboy, who lost £20,000 (\$35,000) on the London Stock Exchange after posing as a financial whizzkid, will not have to repay his debt, a legal expert said on Wednesday. "Young people under 18 cannot be sued to recover money," Isobel Reid, legal adviser at the Children's Legal Centre, said.

"Even after they reach 18, the debt cannot be reclaimed from them retrospectively," Christopher Peach, who conducted most of his dealings from a school payphone during his lunch break, borrowed and invested about £100,000 (\$180,000). He lost £20,000 when the world's stock markets slumped last month. Stockbrokers thought Peach was 19 and were convinced he was creditworthy because he had been cleared of having any debts by the Stock Exchange Mutual Reference Society. Reid said it could be months before it was decided who was legally responsible for his debts. "It depends on when the people who sold the shares take legal action but his parents cannot be made to pay unless they aided and abetted him," she said.

Screaming fans welcome Michael Jackson

SYDNEY (R) — American superstar Michael Jackson arrived here on Wednesday to be greeted by hundreds of screaming fans who waited for hours at the airport to welcome their pop idol. Jackson, here on a singing tour, was hustled to a waiting van as dozens of police and personal bodyguards struggled to keep back the surging crowd. Several people were knocked to the ground during the melee and some said they could not get even a glimpse of the 29-year-old singer. "I saw one flash and that was it. I didn't even get a chance to go near him," sobbed 14-year-old schoolgirl Loretta Tolnay. Australian promoter Kevin Jacobs later apologised for what he described as the badly handled security, which he said was "out of his hands."

Choir ends concert on unhappy note

CWMBRAN, Wales (R) — Thirty-six women choristers had just finished Some Enchanted Evening when the stage collapsed, hurling the singers to the floor. "We went down like a row of skittles," singer Ann Lloyd said of Monday's low-note concert finish. Eight of the choir, aged from 40 to 70, needed hospital treatment after the fall in south Wales.

Auctioneers fail to sell largest gold coin

GENEVA (R) — A 12-kilogramme solid gold coin, believed to be the world's largest, went under the auctioneer's hammer on Monday — but it failed to meet its reserve price of more than \$8 million. Auctioneer Geza Von Habsburg said last month's stock market crash could explain why the piece, one of two 17th century Islamic gold coins on offer, failed to attract a high enough bid. He said a bid of \$8 million was made for the coin, minted by Mogul emperors in India, but that was slightly below a reserve price the anonymous owner had set. Habsburg said he then bid \$8.5 million on behalf of the owner to end the bidding. "There were two serious buyers who after black Monday just did not turn up," Habsburg, president of Habsburg, Feldman S.A., told reporters.

He was referring to the stock market crash of Oct. 19. The auctioneer said the top bid for the second coin, weighing 1.1 kilograms, was at \$2.8 million also slightly below its reserve price. He bid \$3 million, again to end the bidding. The company had earlier said there would be no reserve price, but Habsburg said this condition was changed because of the economic climate. He said the owner had privately received a bid for \$10 million for the larger coin, and then decided to auction it. Only hours before the auction the Swiss government rejected an Indian embassy request to delay the sale on the grounds that the coins had been illegally exported without a licence.

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